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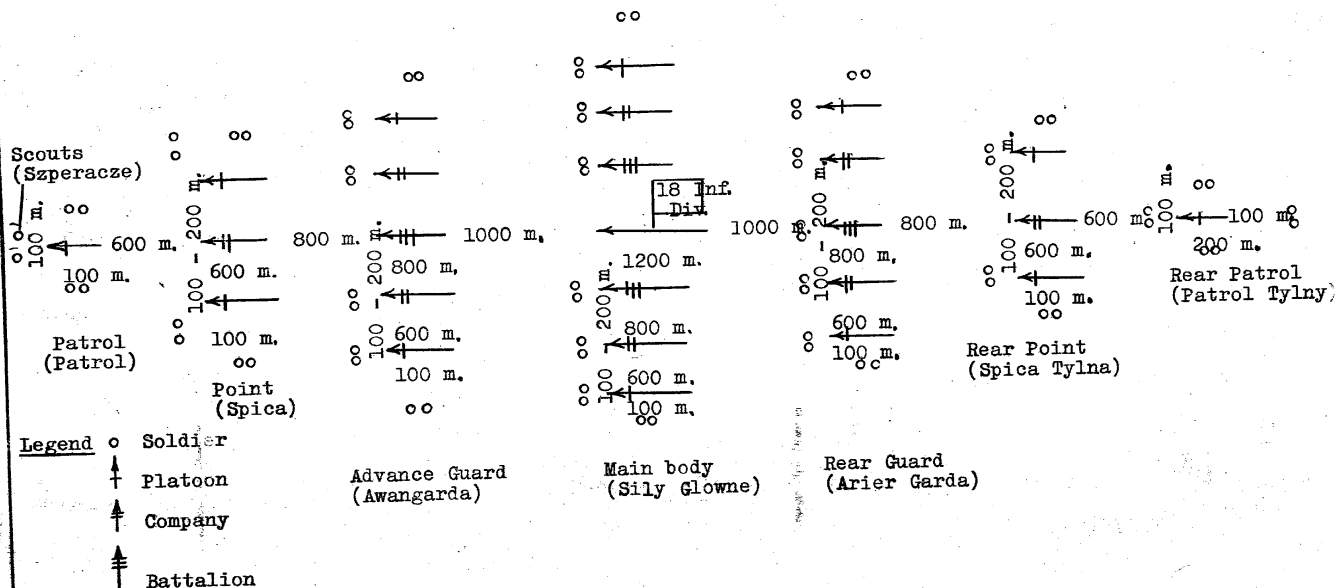
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Enclosure A

18th Inf. Div. in an Approach March with Security
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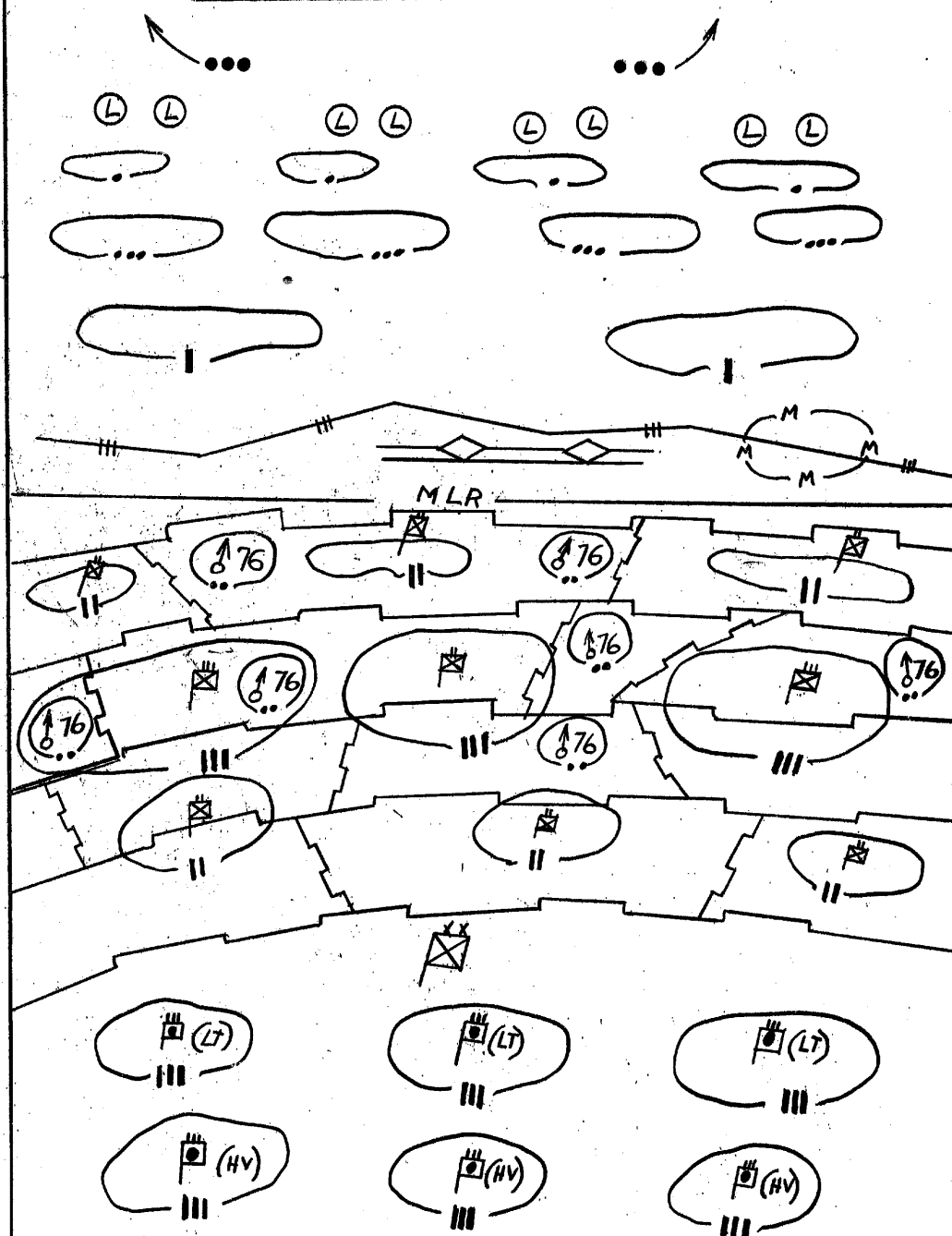
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Enclosure B

Reinforced Infantry Division in Defense

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Enclosure B (Cont'd)

Reinforced Infantry Division in DefenseRemarks

Division frontage depended largely upon the terrain to be defended. The entire depth of the division defense, including heavy artillery regiments, was approximately 5000 m.

Combat patrols were approximately 600 m, in front of the listening posts. Squad combat outposts were located approximately 100 m, from platoon outposts, which were approximately 200 m, in front of the company defenses. Two companies were deployed approximately 800 m, in front of the MIR. Three-row barbed wire entanglements extended across the entire front of the MIR. The anti-tank and anti-personnel mine field was approximately 45 m, in depth and 80 to 150 m, wide. An anti-tank ditch was also constructed in front of the MIR. A system of connecting trenches was used extensively. Depth of the trench was about 70 cm.

The second line of defense was dug approximately 200 m, to the rear of the MIR. The 3d line of defense was dug approximately 600 to 800 m, to the rear of the 2d line of defense. The 4th line of defense was dug 1500 to 2000 m, to the rear of the 3d line. The final defense line was dug approximately 600 to 800 m, to the rear of the 4th defense line. Light and heavy artillery regiments were used for support.

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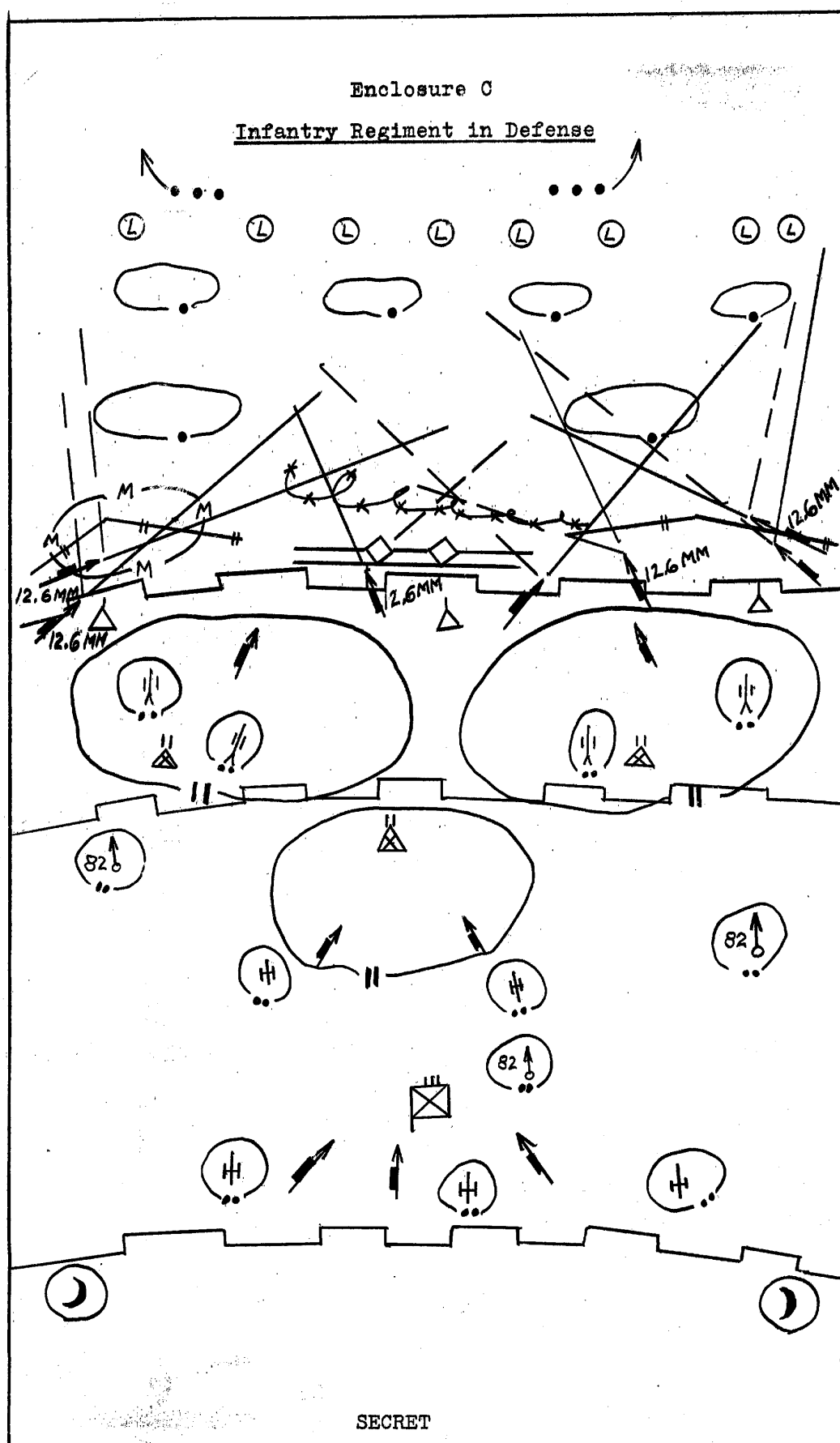
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Enclosure C (Cont'd)

Infantry Regiment in DefenseRemarks

Regimental sectors were assigned by the division. The width of the boundaries between adjacent units depended upon the terrain and the presence of natural obstacles. The maximum frontage could be less than 4000 m. The depth of the defense was approximately 1000 m. Depth between MIR and second line of defense averaged 150 to 200 m. Depth between the second and third line of defense averaged 600 to 800 m. Security echelons consisted of a roving patrol, listening outposts, and two support outposts. The mined area was approximately 150 m in front of the MIR; the anti-tank ditch was constructed 80 m. in front of the MIR. Concertina obstacles were placed approximately 75 m. in front of the anti-tank ditch. A double row of barbed wire was constructed in front of the MIR with a gap to permit counterattacks. The trenches dug along the MIR were approximately 70 to 110 cm. in depth. Within the battalion sectors, tanks and artillery were deployed to support the defense. Chemical personnel were usually assigned to the battalion observation points. No further details.

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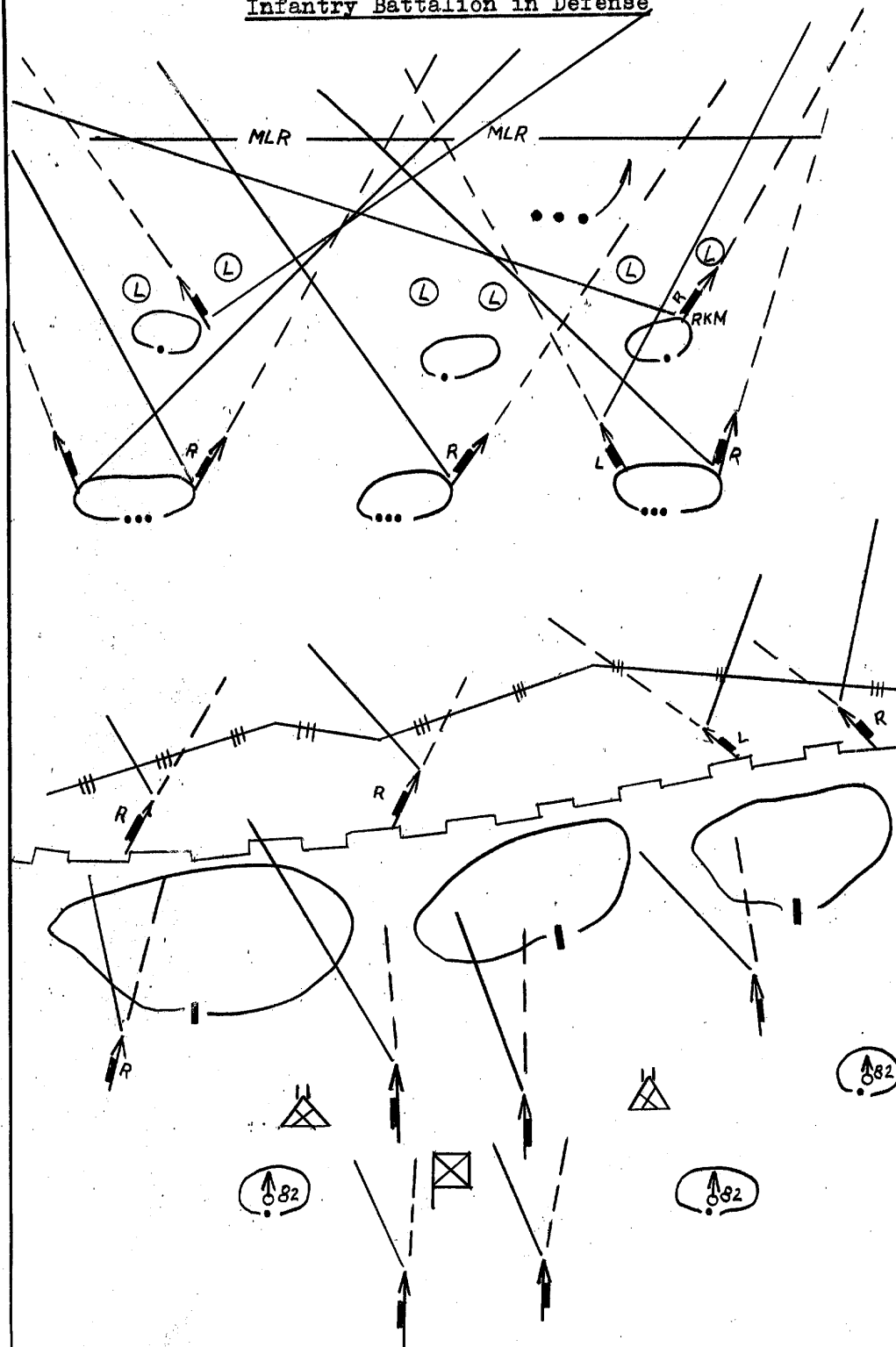
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Enclosure D
Infantry Battalion in Defense



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Enclosure D (Cont'd)

Infantry Battalion in DefenseRemarks

Battalion frontage on the MLR was irregular to facilitate application of flanking fire and averaged from 1500 to 2000 m. Second line of defense was constructed approximately 500 m. to the rear of the MLR. Distance from MLR to platoon outposts was approximately 600 m. Distance between outposts (in depth) averaged 200 m. Land features towards the front were selected as reference points and the distances to them were measured for effectiveness of fire and range, then noted on the sketches of the platoon leaders. Company sectors were usually reinforced with tanks or additional HMGs and so organized as to be mutually supporting and capable of an all-around defense.

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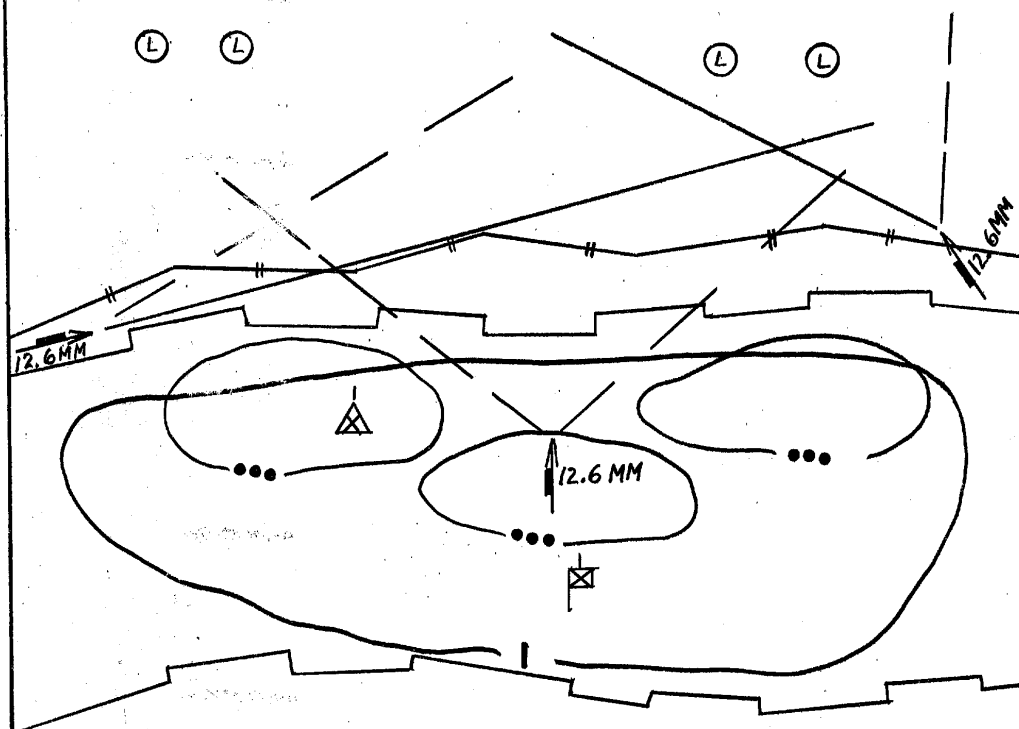
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Enclosure E

Reinforced Infantry Company in Defense



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Enclosure E (Cont'd)

Reinforced Infantry Company in DefenseRemarks

Company frontage averaged 800 m, depending on the terrain to be defended. The depth of the MIR to the second line of defense averaged 150 m. A double row of barbed wire was constructed approximately 80 m. in front on the MIR. The support platoon sector usually contained an unknown number of tanks as an artillery support. A minimum of seven positions were predesignated as alternate HMG positions. The left flank HMG was usually silent until the enemy had breached the defenses and reached the barbed wire entanglement.

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